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SUBJ: HUNGARIAN MEDIA COVERAGE OF FOREIGN POLICY PORTIONS OF
CASTRO SPEECH TO CUBAN PARTY CONGRESS

1. HSWP DAILY NEPSZABADSAG AND OTHER HUNGARIAN PAPERS GAVE
PROMINENT COVERAGE TO CUBAN CONGRESS THROUGHOUT. IN DEC 23
EDITIONS PARTICULAR ATTENTION WAS DEVOTED TO PORTIONS OF
CASTRO SPEECH DEALING WITH FOREIGN POLICY.

2. NOTABLE FOR THEIR ABSENCE IN SOME NEWSPAPERS AND FOR WATERING
DOWN IN OTHERS WERE CASTRO'S REMARKS CONCERNING THE U.S.,
INCLUDING QUOTES IN WIRELESS FILE TO EFFECT THAT CUBA DOES
NOT CARE IF IT DOES NOT ESTABLISH NORMAL RELATIONS WITH THE
U.S. FOR THE NEXT HUNDRED YEARS AND CUBA'S EXPRESSION OF
"SOLIDARITY" WITH PUERTO RICO AND ANGOLA.

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3. NEPSZABADSAG MADE NO MENTION WHATEVER OF CASTRO'S REMARKS ON U.S. SEMI-OFFICIAL GOH DAILY MAGYAR HIRLAP SUBSTITUTED WORDS "OUR BROTHERS" FOR PUERTO RICO AND ANGOLA WHEN REPORTING ITEM MENTIONED PARA 2. IT ALSO OMITED COMPLETELY STATEMENT RE NOT CARING ABOUT RELATIONS FOR NEXT HUNDRED YEARS. PATRIOTIC FRONT DAILY MAGYAR NEMZET AND TRADE UNION PAPER NEPSZAVA BOTH QUOTED ONLY CASTRO'S REMARKS THAT PRESIDENT FORD HAD WARNED THAT CUBA'S SUPPORT TO ANGOLAN MLPA IS ENDANGERING NORMALIZATION.

4. EMPHASIS IN STORIES WAS ON ITEMS WHERE CUBAN FOREIGN POLICY POSITIONS ARE IDENTICAL WITH THOSE OF THE SOVIET UNION, IN ATTEMPT TO GIVE HUNGARIANS IMPRESSION THAT CUBA IS ONE MORE COUNTRY FAITHFULLY FOLLOWING MOSCOW-GUIDED "UNIFIED FOREIGN POLICY".

5. SCRUPULOUSLY, ALTHOUGH SOMEWHAT ELLIPTICALLY, HUNGARIANS AVOIDED TAKING A PUBLIC POSITION ON PUERTO RICO DURING KADAR VISIT TO CUBA.
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